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Prescribed Pile Burning in Progress Near Steamboat

(STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Col. - October 17, 2011) – Residents and visitors to the Steamboat Springs area should be aware that fire crews from the Hahns Peak/Bears Ears (HPBE) Ranger District are currently conducting pile burns near the Steamboat Ski Area.

Burning in that area began today and weather permitting will continue for several days on the Routt National Forest. Smoke will be visible and should be expected. Recent pile burns have also been conducted along the Buffalo Pass Road (Forest Road 60).

Other locations will be considered in the coming weeks if the weather allows.

Prescribed burns are highly coordinated events and involve long-term planning efforts. Weather conditions have been closely monitored and burns are only initiated if conditions are within established parameters for safe, effective fires.

Questions should be directed to the HPBE Ranger District Office in Steamboat Springs. For information, call 970-870-2299, visit <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr> or stop by the office in Steamboat at 925 Weiss Drive.

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